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AND SHEET BUNDLE ALIGNMENT
METHOD

The Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement dated May 9, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 16-17), Group II (claims 1-9 and 12-15), Group 3 (claims 10-11 and 22-23) and Group IV (claims 18-21). Applicant hereby elects Group II (claims 1-9 and 12-15) for examination. Applicant respectfully requests formal examination of this application.


If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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